Pornographic Films in Cyber Cafe

4202. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the cyber cafes are showing pornographic films very often; and

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to take stringent action against such owners of cyber cafes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Such films can be viewed either from local video CDs or from Internet A Sub-Group of Committee of Secretaries (COS) has been constituted to take a comprehensive view on prevention of access to pornographic and other undesirable contents through Internet. A public Appeal was issued in leading newspapers requesting suggestions in this matter.

Bad Impact of Internet on People

4203. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY:

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the menace of exposing people especially children to pornographic material in cyber cafes has widened;

(b) whether the cafes were allowing the teenagers to surf adult pornographic sites on the internet posing a grave danger to the society as well as viewers;

(c) whether at present there is no provision for punishing the readers or viewers;

(d) if so, immediate and corrective measures taken by Government; and

(e) since when these are likely to come in force?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (e) While providing an ocean of information and knowledge, there are also undesirable sites accessible through the same internet infrastructure. Being a seamless network of networks with no single point control, it is not technically possible to completely prevent access to any site in the Internet.